



Florida Building Code Binding Interpretation

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Code Edition: Florida Building Code, Building, 6th Edition (2017)

Section: FBC, Building Section 1008.3.2

Text of code provision:

1008.3.2 Buildings. In the event of power supply failure in buildings that require two or more means of egress, an emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas: 1. Interior exit access stairways and ramps. 2. Interior and exterior exit stairways and ramps. 3. Exit passageways. 4. Vestibules and areas on the level of discharge used for exit discharge in accordance with Section 1028.1. **5. Exterior landings as required by Section 1010.1.6 for exit doorways that lead directly to the exit discharge.**

Appeal question requesting a response:

Question:

Does the project in question need to comply with the emergency illumination requirements of Section 1008.3.2, Florida Building Code, Building, 6th Edition (2017)?

Answer:

The answer to the Petitioner's question is yes. Pursuant to section 1008.3.2, Florida Building Code, Building, 6th Edition (2017) and since the warehouse buildings in question provide for two or more means of egress, exterior emergency illumination is required for the exterior landings.

The **Building Officials Association of Florida**, in cooperation with the Florida Building Commission, and the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, provides this interpretation of the Florida Building Code in the interest of consistency and application of the Building Code statewide. This interpretation is binding and not subject to acceptance and approval by the local building official.